

ST. MARY'S PARISH

703 Monroe St., Ellis, KS 67637

October 12, 2025
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Mass Schedule

Monday 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday 8:10 a.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. (EGSC)
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Cedar Bluff, May 18 - Sept. 7, 2025

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

By 4:30 p.m. Wednesday

Baptism

By appointment. Contact the Pastor

Weekly Readings

October 13 – October 19

Mon: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32
Tue: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41
Wed: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46
Thu: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54
Fri: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7
Sat: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9
Sun: Exodus 17:8-13; Luke 18:1-8

Parish Personnel

Pastor	Fr. Dana Clark
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Emily Mattheyer
School Principal	Mrs. Patti Park
Pastoral Council President	Mr. Brian Serpan
Liturgy Chairpersons	Ruth Bollig and Alyson Johnson
School Council President	Mrs. Sarah Fischer
Home & School President	Mrs. Megan Honas
Director of Religious Education	Mrs. Judy Schuler

Marriage

Contact the pastor at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. No wedding will be scheduled without premarital instruction.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Oct 11	5:30 p.m.	Leonard (anniv) & Tillie Augustine+
Sun	Oct 12	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 12	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet+ Augustine
Mon	Oct 6	5:30 p.m.	Agnes Plante-Nurse+ and Tina + Doug Patten+ Families (liv/dec)
Tues	Oct 7	8:10 a.m.	John F. & Bernadine Kuhn+ Family (l/d)
Wed	Oct 8	8:10 a.m.	Larry Brack+
	EGSC	10:00 a.m.	For the Residents & their families (liv/dec)
Thurs	Oct 9	8:10 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Nick Dinkel+ Family (liv/dec)
Fri	Oct 10	8:10 a.m.	Henry & Adeline Flax+
Sat	Oct 11	5:30 p.m.	Leonard (anniv) & Tillie Augustine+
Sun	Oct 12	7:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners
Sun	Oct 12	9:00 a.m.	Gilbert & Janet+ Augustine

Ministries for October 18 & 19

Ministry	5:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
Lector	Perry Mick	Brad Deines
Presentation of Gifts	Clarence Rupp Roberta Augustine	Jordan & Emily Mattheyer Family
Eucharistic Minister(s)	Terry & Cindy Zervas	Lacie Haas Peggy Seibel Curtis Weber
Servers	Aiden & Chase Aschenbrenner	Dominic & Isabelle Fondoble
Cantor / Musician	<i>Volunteers Needed</i>	Guitar Choir
Ushers & Greeters	Gary Luea Roberta Augustine Pat & Diane Kuhn	Brad & Tava Deines Danny & Lacie Haas Family

Other Ministries

7:00am Lector	October 19 (Sun)	Amy Hudson
Communion to Homebound	October 17 (Fri)	Barney Boos
Ellis Good Samaritan	October 19 (Sun) 10:15 a.m.	Barney Boos
Rosary Leaders	October 18 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. October 19 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.	<i>Volunteer Needed</i> Peggy Siebel
Monthly Money Counters	October	Bob & Margie Mickelson

Meetings & Events

Sun	October 12	Happy Clergy Appreciation Day, Fr. Danal Second Sunday Coffee & Donuts
Wed	October 15	YDisciples @ 6:30pm CCD Classes @ 7:00pm
Thurs	October 16	Eucharistic Adoration 9am-5pm RCIA @ 7:00pm
Fri	October 17	End of the 1st Nine Weeks
Sun	October 19	World Mission Sunday —special collection Guitar Choir Practice after 9am Mass

Parish Announcements

- **Mark Your Calendar to Get Your Picture Taken!!!**
We have some exciting news to share: Our good friends at Leann's Photos have agreed to set-up and take pictures of all of you! They are offering their services to us *for FREE!!!* They will be set up at St. Mary's School on the weekend of November 8 & 9 and November 15. We are now taking reservations for you and your family to come have your picture taken! Call or email Emily at the Parish Office to get on the schedule!
- **Next Weekend is World Mission Sunday!** Every parish across the globe will join together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering will provide hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in this mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ.
- **Respect Life Month Novena:** Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily prayers, reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate. We will also try to post the daily novena on our church Facebook page.

Parish Offering: October 4 & 5

Weekly Budget Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$6,845.00

Offertory Loose Plate.....\$1,308.00

Adult Envelopes.....\$5,762.00

Total Giving.....\$7,070.00

This weekend's collection is above by \$225.00

Notes from the Pastor

Respect for Life Month. Check out the insert “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary” and table in the back of the church.

“In Increased Offertory Program: Shining a Light on Growing Generosity.” The “newsletter” that will give a “State of the Parish” presentation is being worked on and will be mailed out the end of next week.

World Mission Sunday Collection. World Mission Sunday is next Sunday, October 19. On this day, the entire Church comes together to support various mission works. Donations for World Mission Sunday are collected at Masses across the world and given in support of hospitals, schools and vocations.

All Saints Day. Saturday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. It is a not holyday of obligation this year.

Cemetery Prayer Service. Our traditional Cemetery Prayer Service will be Sunday, November 2 following 9:00am Mass.

Remembering Prayer Service. We will be conducting our Remembering Prayer Service, Sunday November 2 at 4:00pm for parish family members who have lost a loved one during the past year (or for loved ones who were laid to rest during the past year). *It is not necessary for your loved one to have had the funeral here or buried here for them to be remembered.*

We will be sending out invitation letters to points of contact for each family. They can then inform other family members who may wish to attend.

At the prayer service, the name of the deceased will be announced and family members who are attending will come up and light a candle for their loved one. The prayer service concludes with the Way of the Cross in Time of Grief. Candles will have the name of the deceased on it, and at the end of the service families can take the candle they lit home with them.

All members of the parish are invited to attend, even if they have no loved ones to remember. Below is a list of names I have. If I’m missing someone, or if you have a loved one you want remembered on this day who passed away (or buried) during the past year, let us know and we will add them to our list:

*Rick Allen, Randy Amrein, Rudy Augustine,
Jerry Begler, Raymond, Marilyn, & Justin Bennett,
Roseann Billinger, John Cersovsky, Betty Clark,
Yvonne Davis, Coleen Dinkel, Larry Dinkel,
Mary Dreiling, Greg & Gail Ernst, Jean Gruse,
Sunny Herman, Phillip Hernandez, Donna Honas,
Nora Jean Keller, Linda Kohlrus, Cliff Kreutzer,
Irene LaBarge, Dolores Petz, Ernie Pfeifer, Sr.,
Joyce Richardson, Jerome Schippers, LaVerne Schuster,
Berniece Shank, Sherry Witthuhn, Janet Weber*

Have a good week! Fr. Dana

Diocese of Salina News

- **SAVE THE DATE—2025 Adoption Mass:** Catholic Charities of Northern Kansas invites you to the 2025 Adoption Mass on November 7th at 5:00pm, celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. Following the Mass, we will have a soup supper reception in the Hall of Bishops. This special event is open to all who have been touched by adoption in their beautiful journey of building families through adoption. Mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful occasion!



SAVE THE DATE for HOLY FIRE: Mark your calendars for All Saints Day, November 1, 2025, 9:30am-5:30pm! This is going to be an incredible, faith-filled experience for all 6th-8th grade students! Imagine a day filled with **dynamic national speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Vincke,** and powerful moments of prayer, inspiration, and joy! **The Holy Spirit is calling our middle school youth** to encounter Christ in a deeper way on this special feast day. Don’t miss this unforgettable opportunity to grow in faith and celebrate the saints together! Held at FHSU Beach-Schmidt Performing Art Center! Price is \$69.50 (includes lunch)! *****If you are interested in attending with St. Mary’s Parish, please contact Emily at the Parish Office before purchasing your ticket! St. Mary’s 8th Grade Confirmation Class is required to attend as a part of the Confirmation preparation.** Additional items for sale are Holy Fire T-Shirts for \$15. Visit: <https://eqsaints.com/holyfire-salina> for more info!

*“The Rosary is my favorite prayer.”
-St. Pope John Paul II*

Parish Prayer List

Please Remember in Prayer

Juanita Augustine, Kampton James Augustine, Henry Dinkel, Cory Eberle, Joe & Arlene Erbert, Cheryl Noles, Sr. Doris Flax, Gary Flax, Robert Gerhardt, Michelle Goldsberry, Debbie Haas, Edna Hejny, Steve Hejny, Nathan Hively, Marvin King, Doug Kingsley, Tim Kingsley & Family, Gilbert Kinderknecht, Andy Lynn Klaus, Agneta Kuhn, Joey LaBarge, Kevin LaBarge, Shawna LaBarge, Martin & Debbie LaBarge, Annette Lang, Michael Lang, Norma Lang, Troy Mattheyer, Marge Metzler, Riley Moore, Joan Neufeldt, Elizabeth Newton, Ramona Patten, Kevin “Mo” Pfeifer, Cathy Sherfick, Bernie & Laura Schoenberger, Tanner Sullivan, Kathy Wiesner, and the residents of EGSC.

If any one has names they would like added to the list, they may call the rectory at 726-4522.

School Announcements

Monday, Oct. 13:

Home & School Meeting @ 6:00pm
School Council Meeting @ 7:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 14:

KINDNESS Virtue Crews Activity

Friday, Oct. 17:

End of the 1st Nine Weeks
Last day to wear shorts

- **St. Mary's Home & School Monthly Meeting** is this Monday, October 13th at 6:00pm at the school! All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend!
- **Last Day to Wear Shorts** is Friday, October 17th until March 30th.
- **Happy Bottoms Diaper Drive:** Bring a box of diapers to our school between now and November 6th! They will be delivered to Catholic Charities in Salina, Hays or Manhattan to be shared with those in need throughout our Diocese! Because of YOU: These diapers will provide loving support to babies in need across Northern Kansas.



Busy Week of Events at St. Mary's School:

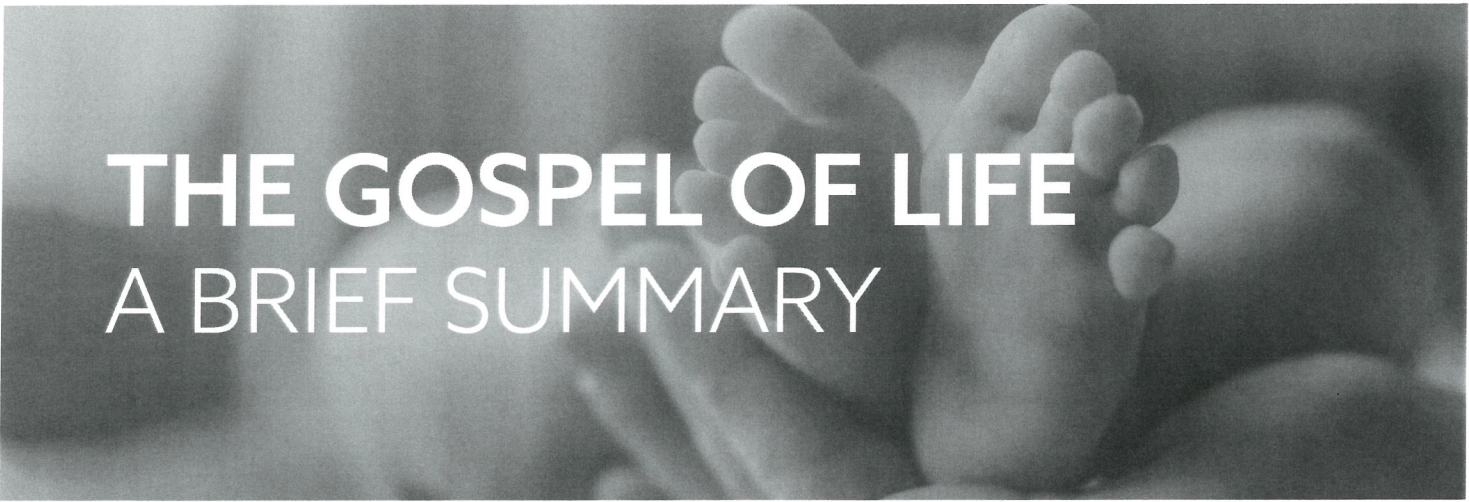
- (above right) We had a beautiful morning for Wellness Wednesday-Walk To School.
- (above left) Ellis City Fire Department came to speak to the students about Fire Safety.
 - (below right) Miss Allen's 4th Grade Class attends Ag Day in Hays.
 - (below middle) Miss Brungardt's 5th Grade Class enjoys lunch in the LOFT!



Follow the
St. Mary's School—Ellis
Facebook page for more
photos and latest happenings!

Community Announcements

- **Christmas Décor Workshop with Jim Moeder!** Bring a wreath, centerpiece, or door hanger to give it a fresh new look and learn how to make a BIG BEAUTIFUL Bow on October 25th at the Ellis Public Library! This class has a limit of 18 participants! Kindly RSVP to the Library if you are interested in attending—there is a \$15.00 donation to Friends of EPL. Ribbon and supplies provided by Gibson Health Mart Floral.
- **Ellis Food Box Pantry Accepting Reservations for Christmas Boxes:** If you or someone you know could benefit from what a Christmas Box provides, you will need to reserve one by October 31st with Rita Y (785-650-4225) or Millie W. (785-726-1127). Christmas Box Pick up is the week of December 15th!
- **Join the Music! Bell Ringers & Musical Acts Wanted!** The Christmas season is quickly approaching and Ellis United Methodist Church invites the whole community to be a part of our **First Annual Christmas Program**-a joyful afternoon of music, fellowship, and celebration of Christ's birth. Mark your calendars for November 30 at 3:00pm at EUMC! We're looking for Hand-Bell Ringers (no experience needed!), Singers, Instrumentalists & Groups, Choirs, Youth Groups, Family Ensembles! All ages and styles of sacred or family-friendly Christmas music are welcome! To participate, contact: Katy H. @ 785-623-9398 or Cappy G. @ 785-650-7251, or email ellisumc@gbta.net.



THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

A BRIEF SUMMARY

The prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) was written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The following is a brief overview of this important document.

The Gospel of life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him. For this reason, direct attacks on human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, are always unacceptable. Yet, sadly we see new and expanding threats to human life emerging on an alarming scale. These new threats to life are often justified, protected, and even promoted by our laws and culture.

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Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world. God made the human person with the capacity to love and reason and share in a relationship with himself, the Creator. The human person bears an indelible imprint of God and is the pinnacle of all creation. The source of our dignity is not only linked to our creation by God, but to our final end and destiny to spend eternity with the Father. By accepting Christ as our Savior through the ministry of the Church, despite our sinfulness, we can begin to share in eternal life even now.

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| vulnerable conditions of human
| life—even death on a cross—Jesus
| shows us that life is always good.

Despite the grave threats to human life in the modern world, we, as the People of God, are called to place our faith in Jesus, the “Word of life” (1 Jn 1:1). As Christians, we have received the full truth about human life as proclaimed by the very person of Jesus. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is *always good*. The true meaning of our lives is found in giving and receiving love. It is only through this understanding of a sincere gift of self that human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance.

God holds the lives of all people in his gentle and loving care, giving meaning and value to any sufferings that we bear. Even within the mystery which surrounds suffering and death, these experiences can become saving events as we unite them with Christ's own sacrifice. By making human life the instrument of our salvation, the Son of God shows us the priceless value of human life.

Although the roots of violence against life are not new—going all the way back to Genesis,

when Cain took the life of his brother Abel—our modern world is now suffering under a culture of death. Scientific and technological advances and an increasingly secularized world have led to an eclipse of the value of human life. However, respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of the human person and his integral development. We must reject systems of structuralized sin which value efficiency and productivity over human persons.

Governments and international institutions promote abortion and euthanasia as marks of progress and freedom. But this is a false and perverse understanding in which freedom is equated with absolute individualism. True freedom is inherently relational, recognizing that God has entrusted us to one another. As cultures and societies fail to recognize these objective truths, everything becomes relative, and all principles are called into question—even the fundamental right to life. However, the blood of Christ's sacrifice remains our constant hope.

To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society.

Christ's gift of himself on the Cross reveals how precious life truly is and gives us the strength to commit ourselves to building a *culture of life*. Christ's blood, shed for us, promises that in God's plan death will be no more, and life will be victorious.



Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life. Each life is a gift from God and ultimately belongs to him. He has sole authority over life and death. We are therefore called to reverence and love every human person, loving our neighbors as ourselves. It is our responsibility to care for and protect human life, especially the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

Having received the gift of the Gospel of life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of life to the world. *To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself.* Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society. In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.

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